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| Invention: DISK DRIVE APPARATUS  |   |   |                                   |                            |             |
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| Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.  |   |   |                                   |                            |             |
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| Total Claims   | 5   | - 20 =                                  | 0                                 | x 50.00                    | 0.00        |
| Independent<br>Claims  | 1   | - 3 =                                   | 0                                 | x 200.00                   | 0.00        |
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 5, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 12 of this paper.